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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY

1. BEIRUT AND KOL, ISRAEL REPORTS ARE BEGINNING TO BE
PICKED UP HERE, AND WE MAY BE COMPELLED TO SAY SOMETHING.
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST ON CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE ALONG FOLLOWING, HASTILY DRAFTED LINES:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: QUESTION: WHAT IS THERE TO RECENT PRESS
REPORTS THAT, AS A SPECIAL GESTURE TO CARTER, ASSAD HAS
AGREED TO LET SOME FOURTEEN WOMEN GO TO THE UNITED STATES?

ANSWER: AN AMERICAN CITIZEN RECENTLY MARRIED A SYRIAN WO-
MAN OF THE JEWISH FAITH IN DAMASCUS. THIS COUPLE WILL BE
COMING TO THE UNITED STATES SOON TO LEAD WHAT WE HOPE WILL
BE A HAPPILY MARRIED LIFE. SOME OTHER SYRIAN JEWISH WOMEN
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HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES
TO JOIN THEIR AMERICAN HUSBANDS WHO HAD MARRIED THEM IN
PROXY MARRIAGES CONDUCTED IN SYRIA. THIS IS FULLY IN
ACCORD WITH SYRIAN LAWS AND CUSTOMS. THE DECISIONS REFLECT
WELL ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES TO DEAL
WITH HUMAN ISSUES ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND PERSONAL SCALE. VANCE

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